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ECHOES FROM THE MEETINGS

FINE REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

WORD ABOUT THE GRAND COURT.

A Year of Progress.

RICHMOND, VA., May 28, 1902.

The Grand Court, Independent Order of Calanthe of Virginia held its fifth annual session at the Third St. A. M. E. Church of this city last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The first day session began at noon, Tuesday, May 20th with the Grand Worthy Counselor, Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., presiding.

THE ROLL CALLED.

The Grand Worthy Register of Deeds, Miss M. L. Chiles called the roll of delegates and roll of committees, the absentees noted and vacancies were filled on the committees by the Grand Worthy Counselor.

SIXTY-ONE NEW MEMBERS.

When the G. Court reassembled 61 new delegates and Past W. Counselors were reported ready for the 4th Degree, about 10 others were also given the degree the next day, making over 100 persons in attendance at this session.

A HEAVY INCREASE.

He reported 54 courts—16 new courts made since last May, over 2300 members; 715 new members, \$1907 taken in through the Endowment Department up to March 31, 1902; \$761 in the Grand Worthy Register of Deeds department for semi-annual taxes, an increase of over \$800 of last year's collection in the Endowment Department, and over \$2700 in the Grand W. Receiver of Deposits, Mrs. Josie A. Graham.

PUBLIC MEETING.

The public meeting at 5th St. Baptist Church was well attended and very beneficial. Rev. D. W. Davis delivered the welcome address in a most pleasing manner and held his own as an orator, while he made all the strangers feel that Richmond is the city for that hospitality and great kindness for which true Virginians are known throughout the world.

Sir Wm. M. Reid of Portsmouth, Grand Master of Exchequer responded in a most able and forcible speech, accepting on behalf of the Grand Lodge and Court the offers of the Richmond people to them. He gave excellent advice along business lines and was roundly applauded.

Cashier of Mechanics Savings Bank, Mr. Thomas H. Wyatt read a fine paper on "The Condition of the Bank" and showed that over \$42,000 had been deposited in 5 months.

The chief speaker of the evening was the President of the Mechanics Savings Bank, Mr. John Mitchell, Jr.

A FINE ADDRESS.

Although worn out from having presided in both the Grand Lodge and Grand Court and led the parade, his address was among the finest we have ever heard him deliver. He seemed thoroughly aroused to the necessity of the Negro looking out for himself along business lines and putting his earnings to good use for himself.

He explained his plans for the future of the Pythian Order and from the applause received throughout his address, he will have the united support of both departments of his Order to carry them into execution as rapidly as he may see fit to do so.

The Pythian Order stands as a unit at the back of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Worthy Counselor, Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., and all he has to do is to hoist the flag and march forward.

THE STOCK RALLY.

The rally on stock at this meeting was very pronounced and encouraging and all felt that much good will result from this public meeting.

Grand Chancellor John Mitchell, Jr.,

was presented a magnificent basket of flowers, the gift of Florist R. S. Forrester. Capt. F. M. Crump made the presentation speech.

The out of the city lodges and courts seemed thoroughly aroused to their duty and ambitious to do more.

2nd day—The Grand Court reassembled Wednesday at noon.

A FINE REPORT.

Report of the Grand Worthy Register of Deeds, Miss M. L. Chiles was read and acknowledged by all to be one of the finest ever listened to, was loudly applauded. It was a review of the various departments of the Order also.

The reports of the Grand Worthy Receiver of Deposits, Mrs. Josie A. Graham; Mrs. Edw. Thompson, Chief of the Regalia Department; Grand Worthy Lecturer, Mrs. S. L. Mitchell; the various deputies and committees were read and received.

The Pythian May Queen was a great success. Many say it was the prettiest May Queen ever given in Richmond. The speaking was excellent and the children looked lovely.

THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

3rd day—The Business Committee made its report. Mr. Mitchell made an excellent address to the Grand Court on the business plans and stated that the Grand Lodge had taken out \$1000 more in stock in this department and that the Female Business Department would soon be started now.

The Grand Court adopted the new Grand Lodge Constitution with such changes as they may see fit to make therein.

The Grand Court also decided that all courts in Virginia must pay 50 cents monthly dues; 40 cents endowment quarterly tax and \$3.00 a week sick dues. This has always been done in Richmond. The death benefits are (\$150) One Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

THE DEPOSITORY OF THE GRAND COURT.

The Grand Court made the Mechanics Savings Bank the depository of the Grand Court.

All the former officers were re-elected except Mrs. Margie Holloman, who was absent, and Mrs. Julia A. Watts of Lynchburg was elected to fill the chair of Grand Worthy Inspector.

The Grand Worthy Counselor installed the following officers:

Grand Worthy Counselor John Mitchell, Jr., Richmond, Va.

Grand Worthy Inspector, Mrs. Julia A. Watts, Lynchburg, Va.

Grand Worthy Secretary, Mrs. Nannie Skipwith, Newport News, Va.

Grand Worthy Treasurer, Mrs. Annie B. Claiborne, Danville, Va.

Grand Worthy Register of Deeds, Miss M. L. Chiles, Richmond, Va.

Grand Worthy Receiver of Deposits, Mrs. Josie A. Graham, Richmond, Va.

Grand Worthy Secretary, Mrs. Gracie A. Troy, Portsmouth, Va.

Grand Worthy Senior Directress, Mrs. Anna Taylor, Richmond, Va.

Grand Worthy Junior Directress, Mrs. Nannie C. Johnson, Richmond, Va.

Grand Worthy Conductress, Mrs. Mary N. Gay, Norfolk, Va.

Grand Worthy Assistant Conductress, Miss Blanche Evans, Richmond, Va.

Grand Worthy Herald, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, Richmond, Va.

Grand Worthy Protector, Mr. L. W. Holbrook, Danville, Va.

Thus the business of the Grand Court was completed and all felt that an enormous amount of work had been accomplished in such a short time and pleasant recreation had intervened between the sessions.

The photos of the Grand Court had been taken and peace, harmony and love had characterized the 5th annual session at Richmond.

The session closed with the finest banquet ever given in Richmond at Price's Hall, where over 300 enjoyed the dainties of the season and did honor to the Grand Lodge and Grand Court of Virginia.

The New Court Organized.

Sylvester Court, No. 53, Independent Order of Calanthe was organized Thursday, May 15th in this city at the Pythian Castle Hall, through the efforts of Mrs. Anna Taylor, Deputy Grand Worthy Counselor.

The following officers were installed by Grand Worthy Counselor John Mitchell, Jr.:

Worthy Counselor, Henry Stokes; worthy inspector, Mrs. Rosa Bell Green; worthy senior directress, Mrs. Lillian A. Barnes; worthy junior directress, Miss Katie Lewis; worthy orator, Mrs. Emma McCowin; worthy register of deeds, Mrs. Mary Johnson; register of accounts, Mrs. Sarah B. Miller; receiver of deposits, Mrs. Mary Page Brown; escort, Mrs. Cora Roane; conductress, Mrs. Lucy Conway; assistant conductress, Mrs. Maggie King; herald, Mrs. Matilda Smith; protector, John Walker.

Trustees: Abram Booker, Josephine Smith and Rosa White.

Mrs. Taylor was highly commended by the Grand Worthy Counselor for her work. After the initiation, a bounteous repast was spread.

An over-trimmed stock of hats will be sold very cheap, less than cost. 50 dozen fluted brim-tuskins for children at 19c each—assorted colors. Other goods at very low prices. Trimmed hats for children as cheap as 50c.

Mrs. M. D. CHAMBERLAIN,
318 E. Broad St.



Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., Pastor of 5th St. Baptist Church

THE MORTGAGE BURNED.

A Remarkable Gathering—The Fifth St. Baptist Church Rejoices—A Thrilling Scene—Many Visitors. The Edifice Thronged—The Last of the Church Debt.

Last Sunday was the day at the Fifth Street Baptist Church that will go down in history never to be forgotten. It was the Tenth Anniversary of the pastor, Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., and everybody, young and old seemed to be aglow with expressions of joy. 335 Sunday School children rejoiced in their service, and then at 11:30, the pastor preached to a very large and appreciative audience from 1st Corinthians, 15:10 and reviewed briefly his ten years work.

In the afternoon the mortgage burning exercises took place. The people flocked from far and near to witness this beautiful ceremony.

STIRRING ADDRESSES.

Stirring addresses were made by Rev. D. W. Davis, A. M. Hon. John Mitchell, Jr., Attorney J. Thomas Hewin, Revs. W. H. Stokes, B. D. W. E. Pardee, D. D. W. A. C. Hughes, A. M., Jacquelin Strange, D. D.; S. C. Burrell, A. M. and others.

Miss Mary Smith read an excellent paper which was well received. The choir rendered some of the sweetest music ever listened to in the city of Richmond. Prof. Mc Coy deserves great credit; and the quartette rendered by Mrs. Vergil Hawkins, Mrs. Mrs. Willie Coy, Mr. Willie Coy, Mr. John Washington, was especially fine, as was the one rendered by Miss Bell

Fitzhugh, Mr. and Mrs. W. Coy and Mr. Charles Jackson. The solo, "After the Cross the Crown," rendered by Miss H. Bell Fitzhugh was the topic of general favorable discussion. The people declare now that Fifth St. must have a \$2,000 organ.

THE PASTOR REMEMBERED.

Just before the collection was taken, Rev. D. Webster Davis arrested the order of services long enough to present the pastor a purse of \$17.00 contributed by the 17 deacons of the church. This was hailed with an outburst of applause. The pastor bowed his appreciation and expressed his thanks.

After the collection, the mortgage burning took place. It was a beautiful sight. From a brazen vessel set upon the altar where rests the Bible, the deed of trust and rolls of paper on which were the names of the contributors to the rally, were burned: Revs. Hughes and Davis setting the match to them.

As the blaze ascended high amidst the fragrance of beautiful flowers and odiferous essences the great congregation arose and sang 1st "Praise God from all blessings flow," secondly, "Lending on the Everlasting Arm," third, "I feel like going on." Many shouts of praise went up from the old warriors who had labored so long to see their church out of debt.

A REMARKABLE RECORD.

Church clerk Jas. H. Chiles showed that the pastor during his ten years work had received into the church, 1004 persons, that the church had now a membership of 1,500, that the entire amount of money raised during his ten years pastorate was \$35,308.71. The debt on this church when he became pastor was \$11,000.

Great credit is due the faithful mem-

bership of this church and the leaders of the clubs in their support of the pastor in his work. The club leaders who deserve special mention are Mesdames Isabella Wilkerson, Mary Page, Georgianna Walker, Edith Roman, Johnson of Fairmount, Miss Lizzie Brown, Mrs. W. F. Graham, Messrs Willie Jordan and William Mason.

Mrs. Isabella Wilkerson may be named as the mother of the Fifth St. Baptist Church. In all these twenty-two years in the history of the church she has not ceased to work and toil to free it of debt. Any one can readily see what a worker she has been when it is seen that from '94 up to the present she has raised \$1,170.00. This is wonderful.

THOSE WHO LABORED.

No leader is more deserving than Mrs. Mary Page. She has always taken the very deepest interest in the pastor and his work, seemingly, carrying the burden of her church always upon her heart. She like the rest of the club leaders deserves the highest honor from her church. Mrs. Georgianna Walker is the beacon light from Church Hill. She knows no defeat. All of the club leaders deserve special mention which they shall have in future notices.

At night, the little boy preacher filled the stand and spoke well. The collection of the day amounted to \$104.00. A surprise was in store for Mrs. W. F. Graham at the last hour. In behalf of the Macedonia Club, Hon. John Mitchell, Jr. in well chosen words touching the merits and graces of Mrs. Graham, presented her a silver water set. This again brought forth demonstrations and applause. So ended the great day in the Fifth Street Baptist Church.

It should not be forgotten how the great congregation in the afternoon was stirred to receive congratulations from Dr. G. B. Howard and the great Gilfield Baptist Church of Petersburg. Hon. John Mitchell St. read the communication.

Proud Record of a Colored School.

Of the 50 colored boys who were graduated from the Richmond Colored High School in the decade of 1873-83, 12 have died. At the time of death one was a contractor, one was a professor of ancient languages in a college, three were postal clerks, and others respectively, were an internal revenue collector, a candy maker and a preacher. Of the 38 still alive 13 are teachers, three are lawyers, two are doctors, two are journalists, five are postal clerks, one is a civil engineer, one is a clerk, two are bookkeepers, one is a bank president, and so on.

Congratulations The Order of The Day.

Rev. Wesley Paul Graham, D. D., pastor of Fifth Street Baptist Church is receiving congratulations and marks of respect from all quarters in honor of his success with his church. Letters are coming in from distinguished divines and friends from all over the country.

When he attended his lodge last Monday night, Planet Lodge, K. of P., a per feet ovation was in store for him and his church. Sir Knight Willie Hayes made a neat little speech and then with great enthusiasm a vote of congratulations was extended to the Fifth Street Baptist Church and its pastor. As a further mark of respect, upon motion of Sir Knight B. H. Peyton, the lodge unanimously recommended that past honors be conferred upon Sir Knight Graham.

HEWIN—TERRELL.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church was thronged Wednesday evening by an enthusiastic audience to witness the marriage of Miss Mattie G. M. Terrell, a popular lady of the city to Mr. J. Thos. Hewin, one of the ablest colored representatives at the bar.

The ceremony began promptly at 6:30 p. m. The bridal party entered in the following order: Mr. W. P. Epps and Mr. R. H. Thurston, Miss Octavia Patterson and Mr. Emmett Burke, Miss Carrie Isham and Mr. Charles H. Briggs, Miss Arletia Robinson and Mr. Charles Taylor, Miss A. Deborah Patterson and Mr. Wellington B. Harris, Mr. Thomas H. Wyatt and Mr. Benjamin Bowler. The flower girls were a feature. Little Misses Inez Graves and George Caskins acted in that capacity.

Mr. Napoleon Hewin brought in the groom and Mr. J. H. Terrell, the bride. The ceremonies were performed by Rev. W. H. Stokes with all of the ease and grace of a ministerial veteran, while Rev. R. Wells delivered a most inspiring prayer for the prosperity of the happy couple.

Bridesmaids were handsomely attired in white organdies trimmed in Duchess lace and wore diamonds and pearls and carried bouquets of white carnations and ferns.

The bride wore a Duchess satin under Brussels lace, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The groom wore the conventional suit of black.

Union! Union! Union!

The regular monthly meeting of the National Baptist S. S. Union will be held at the Zion Baptist Church, Manchester, Va. next Sunday, June 8th, at 3:30 p. m. Excellent program. Special address by Dr. W. F. Graham, Solo by Miss Pearl Christian, Essay, Miss Lucretia Burnett Walker, All are invited to be present.

B. H. PEYTON, Pres.
E. A. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

17TH ANNUAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE OF VA.

Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A., A. & A.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 20, 21, 22nd—41 Lodges Represented.

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Knights of Pythias, North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, was held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 20, 21 and 22nd at the Third Street A. M. E. Church, near the corner of 3rd and Jackson streets, this city. Grand Chancellor John Mitchell, Jr., presiding called the Grand Lodge to order at 9:30 A. M., Tuesday morning.

The first day of the session was utilized in opening, after which the following knights were appointed Committee on Credentials: Sirs J. Edward Shell, of Old Dominion, S. D. C. Johnson of Pocahontas, 41 and B. H. Peyton of Planet, 23.

The Committee on Credentials formulated its report which showed that 41 lodges, entire membership in the state, were represented by 51 delegates.

REV. BRICE HERE.

One of the most prominent personages in the Grand Lodge was Grand Prelate Rev. J. H. Brice, who has been in bad health for several months, some time of which it was thought that he would not survive.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted and the Grand Chancellor proceeded to fill vacancies on the various committees. After a partial report from the Grand Chancellor, which was discontinued on account of lateness of the hour, the Grand Lodge of Virginia then adjourned for annual parade.

Cheer after cheer went up from hundreds of throats as the troops passed in full-dressed uniforms. In the parade were distinguished persons, among them being Capt. W. S. Cowan, Lieut. W. H. Anderson, Lieut. Smith, Lieut. Joseph Gilpin, who were the judges for the competitive drill, which was to take place in Milles' field. Owing to the fact that the troops from Tidewater were to leave at 8:30 the same evening, the competitive drill did not take place.

The second day was consumed in hearing the reports of the Grand Officers, conferring the 5th rank and other important business. The reports showed the organization to have had a most prosperous year with a surprising increase in membership and finance.

NEVER MORE PROSPEROUS.

The organization was never in a more flourishing condition and is placed upon a financial basis which speaks long life. The report of the Business Committee of which Sir John T. Taylor is chairman was greeted with prolonged applause. The last was taken up with routine business, among it being the reports of the Supreme Representatives, Sir John Mitchell, Jr., and Sir L. W. Holbrook, which were indeed most gratifying. Supreme Representative, Jesse Scruggs.

The Grand Chancellor announced the following appointments: Grand Marshal, Alexander Jones; Grand Steward, Joseph S. Anderson; grand 2nd attendant, Joseph E. Coles; grand 3rd attendant, H. S. Robinson; grand 4th attendant, H. S. Keen.

Endowment Advisory Board: W. A. Miller, Samuel M. Wilson, James E. Shell, J. W. Wells, R. M. Sears, W. Jackson, W. A. Kyles, J. B. Spencer, Roseberry Mosby, William A. Meyers, Moses Perry, H. O. Gilliam.

Returns and Credentials: J. W. Randolph, John H. Scott, Edward Turner. Committee on Finance: N. A. Twitty, E. R. Jefferson, M. D., B. H. Peyton.

Printing and Supplies: Thomas M. Crump, Henry Hodge, Anderson Branch.

Dispensation and Charter: L. N. Colthrop, E. T. Veals, John W. Royall. Law and Supervision: U. S. G. Patterson, Fletcher Johnson, T. B. Steward.

Deputy Grand Chancellors: Manchester District, Willis Wyatt; Petersburg " Edward Wood; Danville " W. A. Miller; Portsmouth " Samuel Hodges; Norfolk " J. W. Granby; Suffolk " J. M. Boethe; Lynchburg " W. J. Wells; Newport News " J. J. Booker; Hampton " S. E. Elam; Berkeley " George Clarke; Pocahontas " D. C. Johnson.

Special Deputies: H. S. Keen, John H. Scott, R. M. Sears, Charles H. Green U. S. G. Patterson, Joseph M. Langhorne.

Committee on Business: John T. Taylor, Chairman, Richmond; J. J. Corbren, Norfolk; George W. Rison, Danville; W. E. Atkins, M. D., Hampton; W. R. Smith, Lynchburg.

Newport News was selected as next place of meeting by unanimous vote.

Hartshorn Memorial College—Interesting Exercises.

The graduating exercises of the Normal Department of the Hartshorn Memorial College took place May 22nd in the College Chapel. Rev. Lyman B. Tefft, president officiated. The following excellent programme was rendered: Chorus, "The Heavens are Telling Prayer

Double Quartette, "Time of Delight Essay, Investments, Carrie Landonia Allen, Baltimore. Essay, Our Toils and Rewards, Mary Lee Beverly, Richmond. Essay, The Making of a Woman, Jessie Clyde Crawford.

Chorus, How Great the Boon. Essay, Ought Young men to be Educated, Mary Alberta Day, Hartford, Conn.

Essay, Fidelity, Ella Leary Diggs, Washington. Essay, As Others See, Pearl Leavert Dixon, Newport News.

Essay, Plenty To Do, Rosa Ethelyn Kirby, Farmville. Double Quartette, With Hearts by Joy Eated.

Essay, Strength and Honor Are Her Clothing, Della Warren Perkins, Louisa.

Essay, Work And Thought, Helen Lois Rosamond Scott, Clifton Forge.

Essay, Traits of Different Nationalities, Mary Elizabeth Wormley. Chorus, Song of the Bobolink. Conferring of Diplomas.

Vocal Duet, Rosa K. Jones, Carrie W. Spruill.

The following are the graduates: Carrie Landonia Allen, Mary Lee Beverly, Jessie Clyde Crawford, Mary Alberta Day, Ella Louise Diggs, Pearl Leavert Dixon, Rosa Ethelyn Kirby, Della Warren Perkins, Helen Louise Rosamond Scott, Mary Elizabeth Wormley.

The diplomas were conferred and the congratulations of the visitors upon the successful closing was one of the features of the exercises.

Virginia Union University Closes.

The Commencement exercises of the Virginia Union University, Rev. Dr. M. Mac Vicar, president took place on May 21st, in the College Chapel.

On the rostrum in addition to the faculty were Rev. P. F. Morris, D. D.; Rev. A. Binga, D. D.; Rev. T. Hill, Rev. R. Spiller, D. D.; Rev. W. T. Johnson, B. D.; J. H. Blackwell, Rev. R. C. Quarles, Rev. George E. Reed, Rev. Wm. M. Moss, B. D.; Prof. J. Hugo Johnston, Prof. C. J. Daniels, Rev. W. H. Stokes, Rev. J. I. Loving, Rev. W. H. Coleman, Rev. R. O. Johnson, Rev. W. J. Howard, Major Morton, Rev. D. L. Cosby.

The exercises were very interesting. The following addresses were delivered: Character Building, the Work of Life by S. E. J. Watson.

The Companionship of Books, by U. F. Bass.

The Demands of the Age Upon the Church, by J. B. Brown.

Prophecies of Nature, by S. L. Wade, Christian influence, by J. H. Henderson.

Dawn of the Morning, by H. M. Henderson.

True Socialism, by J. W. Barco.

The degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. W. J. Howard, of Washington, D. C.

The following are the graduates: CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS.

John William Barco, Berkeley, Va.; George Leander Layton, Tappahannock, Va.; Napoleon Bonaparte Curtis, Lamourie Bridge, La. Samuel L. Wade, Bell's Cross Roads, Va.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF DIVINITY.

John Baptist Brown, Montego Bay, Jamaica; Hamilton Milton Henderson, South Boston, Va.; John Harris Henderson, San Francisco, La.; Thos. Jesse Joseph Mosby, Camden, N. J.; Richard Noble, Falmouth, Jamaica; Julius Decimus Ward, Lambert's Point, Va.; Lee Anderson Watkins, Acteon, Va.; Samuel Elbert James Watson, Big Sandy, Texas.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY.

Isaac Milton Champ, Waterfall, Va.; Robert David Pittman, Petersburg, Va.

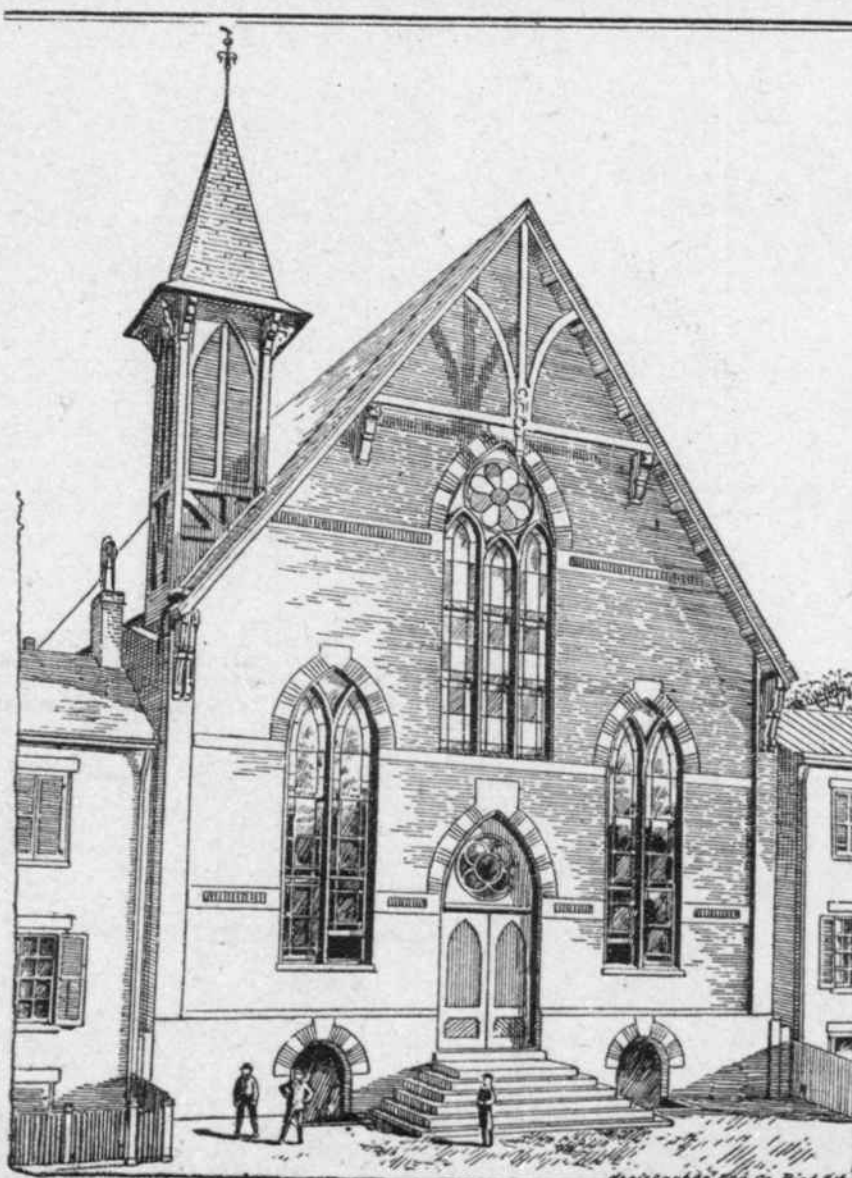
GRADUATES OF THE ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT.

Archie Baker, Hampton, Va.; Urbane F. Bass, Richmond, Va.; Joseph Samuel Harvey, Portsmouth, Va.; Eugene Kinkade Jones, Richmond, Va.; John William Pierce, Hampton, Va.; Woodford Sheppard Smith, Bowling Green, Va.

Passed the Maryland Board.

Pharmacist P. M. Briggs of Manchester, Va., has passed a creditable examination before the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, held May 28th, 1902, at Baltimore, Md. The certificate has been authorized to be issued.

This is a most commendable showing and the colored people of Manchester are lucky in having such a skillful compounder of medicines in their midst.



5th Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.